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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 44th Street
Fairmont City, Illinois 62201

C-14J

Re: U.S. EPA activities and clean up description of property at: [REDACTED] 44th Street, Fairmont City, IL - Old American Zinc Plant (OAZ) Superfund Site

Dear [REDACTED]


Pursuant to your recent Fall 2003, communication with Joe Munoz, Community Involvement Coordinator, of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 (EPA), I have inquired into the current EPA Superfund cleanup being performed at the OAZ Superfund Site, Fairmont City, Illinois. According to information collected by the designated EPA field contractor and the records of the EPA On-Scene Coordinator (OSC), the property recorded at 2722 N. 44th Street, Fairmont City (St. Clair County), Illinois, has been sampled and tested for lead contamination. The front yard had soil that was sampled, removed and replaced with clean fill, down to 6". The back yard of this property had soil that was sampled, removed and replaced with clean fill, down to 12". The contaminated soil was excavated and removed from the property. The new soil areas were restored with seed and straw. The excavation occurred between October 21-22, 2002. This indicates that the work planned under the March 2002 EPA Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) Section 106, 42 USC Section 9606, Administrative Order on Consent (AOC - #V-W-02-C-680) for a Superfund time-critical Removal Action at the overall Site was successfully performed with respect to the above described property.

The requirements of the above-referenced AOC are that all residential and commercial/industrial area properties (that are proximately adjacent to the main OAZ site at the XTRA Intermodal, Inc. facility) are to be sampled, tested, and undergo removal and soil restoration if necessary. At Section V of the AOC, Part 2 ("Work to Be Performed"), (b), Page 8, the level of soil contamination for the contaminant of concern in the OAZ Removal Action (lead), is set for residential area properties at 400 parts per million (ppm). The successful completion of the time-critical Superfund Removal Action cleanup at the above described property indicates that the property no longer contains tested soil samples that exceed the contamination action level of 400 ppm lead. Pursuant to the requirements of the applicable CERCLA regulations at 40 CFR Part 300.415, the OAZ site time-critical Removal Action is completed at the property at 2722 N. 44th Street, Fairmont City (St. Clair County), Illinois.

This letter in no way waives or releases any legal enforcement right or other position of EPA or any other agency or department of the United States, with respect to the specific property in question or any other portion of the OAZ site.

I am enclosing a copy of the AOC and its attachments. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments at 312/886-6613.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

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